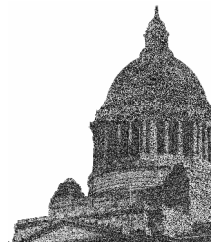


Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs & Access



The Commission Needs Your Ideas!

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In the attached statement, the Commission has identified what it wants Washington's health care system to look like in five years. Now for the difficult part: what to do to realize its vision and goals? In addition to its own ideas, the Commission is seeking proposals from any interested individual or organization.

Proposals emailed to the Commission (Hcca_brc@leg.wa.gov) by September 1st will be reviewed by Commission members beginning at their next meeting on September 11th. They will identify those proposals for which they wish to have additional research, expert presentations, and public testimony. Remaining Commission meetings will be used to gather further information and discuss and evaluate the proposals for possible inclusion in the Commission's final report in December.

In submitting your proposal, please identify yourself and any organizational affiliation, provide contact information, and address each of the following questions. Be as specific and detailed as possible, but limit your answers to no more than ten pages total.

1. What do you propose be done to realize the vision and goals for Washington State established by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access? Please provide a brief summary of your proposal.
2. How will implementation of your proposal enhance, hinder or otherwise impact the achievement of the vision and each of the goals established by the Commission? How do you know?
3. Is your proposal modeled after an existing policy or program within Washington or elsewhere? If so, please describe the policy or program and its outcomes.
4. Will your proposal impose costs on individuals, businesses or government? Will these costs be time-limited or on-going? Can you estimate how much these costs will be, or suggest how such an estimate could be made? How much, if any, of these costs will be offset by corresponding savings?
5. How does your proposal reflect collaboration among various stakeholders? Which stakeholders have endorsed it?
6. What are the obstacles to implementing your proposal? Who will object to it and why? How do you suggest these objections be addressed?

Evaluation Criteria: In evaluating a proposal, the Commission will consider the extent to which it will further the Commission's stated vision and goals, and is feasible, sustainable, cost-effective, and affordable to those required to pay for it.

Questions? Further information regarding the Commission can be found on its website at <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/Joint/Committees/HCCA/>, or by contacting Christina Hulet (360-902-0660) or Jonathan Seib (360-786-7427).